

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Robin Sharpe and Councillors Mandy Kilsby and Virginia Wilkins

ALSO PRESENT: Katrina Leckovic, C.A.O.; John Aitken, Public Works Superintendent; Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 1 Person

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

C16-01 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

I.2. 16.02.02 Lyn Hall, Mayor, City of Prince George re: Celebrate Prince George Winter Festival

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 6, 2015

C16-02 **MOVED** Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 6, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Presentation by Northern Health

Debbie Strang, Health Services Administrator and Barb Nielson, Nurse Practitioner noted that Northern Health has worked with the District of Wells in regards to setting up a Nurse Practitioner office in Wells. Ms. Strang reported the following:

- Suitable space for the clinic has been found in the Wells Community Hall.
- Barb Nielson, Nurse Practitioner is willing to come to Wells approximately once a month at the beginning.
- This will be a pilot project which will hopefully expand and include other services such as specific clinics and physicians.
- Northern Health is supplying staff, travel, some donations.
- A required equipment list will be submitted by Northern Health.

The Nurse Practitioner (NP), Barb Nielson, noted the following:

- Ms. Nielson was born and raised in Quesnel and has been an NP for nine years.
- A typical day in the NP office in Wells would consist of approximately six 30 minute appointments from 9 AM to Noon which would include well women, well men, baby checkups and pre/ post natal & approximately

eight 20 minute walk-in appointments from 1:30 to 4 PM for prescription renewals or whatever was required.

- Ms. Nielson is flexible and is willing to see what the community needs and requires.
- Ms. Nielson would like to bring experts and physicians with her to give workshops or presentations.

Councillor Wilkins noted that, due to the number of babies and seniors in Wells, it will be very helpful to have a Nurse Practitioner.

Councillor Kilsby noted that the possibilities in regards to the Nurse Practitioner's clinic in Wells sound fantastic.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Strang and Ms. Nielson for their presentation.

- C16-03** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Committee of the Whole receive the presentation by Northern Health.
Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Plan H – Additional Planning

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer provided a verbal summary of the Plan H – Additional Planning report prepared by Lindsay Read.

- C16-04** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Committee of the Whole receive and discuss the attached report entitled "Health Care Options for Wells, BC".

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Committee of the Whole (COW) Outstanding Actions Item Report

- C16-05** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Committee of the Whole (COW) Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters listed here are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be received by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered either separately under another heading of the regular Agenda or immediately after the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

- C16-06** **MOVED** Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 16.01.21 Al Richmond, President, UBCM re: Update from Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour regarding the arrivals of Syrian refugees into British Columbia (BC) communities.

2. 16.02.02 Lyn Hall, Mayor, City of Prince George re: Celebrate Prince George Winter Festival.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councillor Kilsby noted that she is pleased to hear about the recommendations in the Plan H Report, which include the implementation of a Nurse Practitioner visiting Wells on a regular basis.

Councillor Wilkins congratulated the Administrator for her new job and thanked her for all she has done for the community and wished her very well in the future.

The Deputy Clerk thanked the Administrator for everything.

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that the Community Forest Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been tendered and all interested parties have been contacted. The EDO also noted that 30 snowmobilers would be in Wells from February 3-6, 2016, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the BC Snowmobile Federation.

Deb Strang thanked the District of Wells on behalf of Northern Health for being so open to setting up a Nurse Practitioner clinic in Wells.

The Mayor thanked the Administrator for all her work and asked her to please come back to visit Wells.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

C16-07 MOVED Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne for Katrina Leckovic, CAO